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APPLICANT(S): Arndt, et al.
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TITLE: "FEEDBACK COMPENSATION DEVICE AND METHOD, AND HEARING
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10 Dear Sir:

Applicants thank the Examiner for his consideration and allowance of the above-identified case.

Upon further review of the Notice of Allowance, Applicants note that in the Notice of Allowance mailed October 1, 2004, the initialed PTO-1449 form associated with the Information Disclosure Statement submitted January 9, 2004 has a number of references that are crossed off, indicating that they were not considered by the Examiner. The Examiner indicated that these were not considered because English-language translations were not provided.


First, Applicants note that crossed-off references AP-AR are in English, so no translation is needed for their consideration. Reference AA corresponds to reference AN, and reference AB corresponds to reference AO. 37 CFR §1.56(c) requires a concise explanation of relevance for non-English language information. Pursuant to MPEP §609(III)(A)(3), submission of an English-language equivalent application may be submitted to fulfill this requirement. To the extent the Examiner has considered references AA and AB, he has considered references AN and AO.

Finally, an English-language abstract was provided with reference AL and AM. Pursuant to MPEP §609(III)(A)(3), submission of an English language abstract of a reference may fulfill the requirement for a concise explanation. The Examiner should initial the references for which

the requirements of the regulations and procedures have been fulfilled—with respect to references AL and AM, this would be an indication that the abstract and drawings had been considered in the determination of patentability.

Applicants are providing a clean copy of the PTO-1449 form and respectfully request that these references be indicated as considered by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

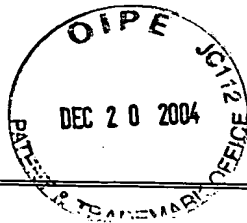
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